INTERMEDIATE

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ESSENTIALS

Fabric, 2m (110cm)
Vegan leather, 30cm square
Concealed zip, 30cm

SUGGESTED FABRICS

Light to medium weight wovens with structure, such as linen and cotton

SIZES

8-20

CUTTING GUIDE

Front skirt: cut one on the fold
Back skirt: cut one pair
Side panel: cut one pair
Pocket flaps: cut two from main fabric and two in vegan leather
Waistband: cut one from vegan leather

1.5cm seam allowance used throughout unless otherwise stated.

Gold! You've got the power to sew the simply inimitable Layla Skirt

It's time to wake up your winter workwear with this wardrobe wonder by **Amanda Walker**. The classic pencil shape is elevated to new heights with a hint of sparkling gold vegan leather on the contrast waistband and pocket flaps, then finished off with figure-hugging darts and a concealed zip. We think it's vintage va va voom at its very finest!

1 Download the template at **sewmag.co.uk**, print and follow the cutting guide. To make the back skirt, neaten the side and centre-back edges. Fold and stitch the darts in place using the notches on the top of the back skirt pattern, then press the darts towards the centre back. Match the back pieces together, right sides facing, through the centre back. Pin, then stitch from the top of the pleat marked with a dot, as far as the zip notch.

2 On the left-hand pleat, press the fold line indicated on the pattern, and on the right-hand side, fold and press a 1.5cm seam allowance. Neaten the side edges of the front skirt, then position the pocket flaps over the face of the leather variations. Sew the two together around the curved edges, leaving the top straight edges open. Trim the seam allowance close to the seam line, then turn out the flaps right sides facing. Tease out the curves, then press flat, covering with a cloth to prevent melting.

3 Position the flaps onto the horizontal edges of the cut-out area on the front skirt, match the notches and stitch in place. Clip into the dot marked on the front skirt to release the corner. Lay the side panel over the top of the flaps, then pin and sew as far as the dots to sandwich the flap in between. Match the vertical edges of the side panel and skirt, matching the notches and pivoting the piece on the dots below the clipped corners. The stitching line should join to the end of the horizontal row and run at a right angle from it.

4 Match the front and back skirt pieces together along the side edges, then pin and sew in place. Position the waistband along the skirt waistline, matching the raw edges together; you'll need to make sure the waistband centre-back edges are running in line with the centre edges of the gap left for the zip in the centre-back of the skirt. Pin in place, then stitch together.

5 Sew the concealed zip into the centre-back opening and up half of the waistband, using a zipper foot. Fold and press the seam allowance along the two sides of the opening. Open out the seam allowance and with right sides facing, place the opened zip face down matching the teeth to the crease line in the seam allowance and pin in place.

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6 Stitch to the fold line of the waistband. Back-stitch, then sew the other side of the zip in place. Thread the zip pull through to the right side and pull up to close. Fold the waistband in half lengthways inside the skirt, folding the centre back seam allowances over the edges of the zip; these sections can then be hand-stitched in place.

7 Pin along the waistband on the right side of the skirt, then seal the waistband by stitching in the ditch; this refers to the seam between the top of the skirt and the waistband. Neaten the base of the skirt, then press the 4cm hem onto the inside. Fold the pleat onto the right side of the skirt and sew along the folded line of the hem. Turn the pleat back to the wrong side, tease out the corner and press flat.

8 Turn the folded hem out onto the right side, to the under right-hand side of the pleat, and stitch the 4cm hem along the pressed 1.5cm edge. Turn back to the wrong side, tease out the corner and press. Hand-sew the pressed hem with hemming stitch. Hold the top of the pleat in place by stitching through all the layers at an angle on the right side of the skirt.

ALL IN THE DETAIL

Cut on the weft grain to add detail to the finished skirt

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We made ours in a Sevenberry indigo print in a rustic cotton linen. £14.50 per metre, drapersdaughter.com

Core Skill

CONCEALED ZIP

If you are using a concealed zipper foot, place the teeth of the zip into the groove and as you stitch, the foot will uncurl the teeth and the stitching will be appear alongside. If you are stitching with a normal zipper foot, you will need to carefully uncurl the teeth with your fingertips.

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CUT OUT & KEEP

LAYLA SKIRT

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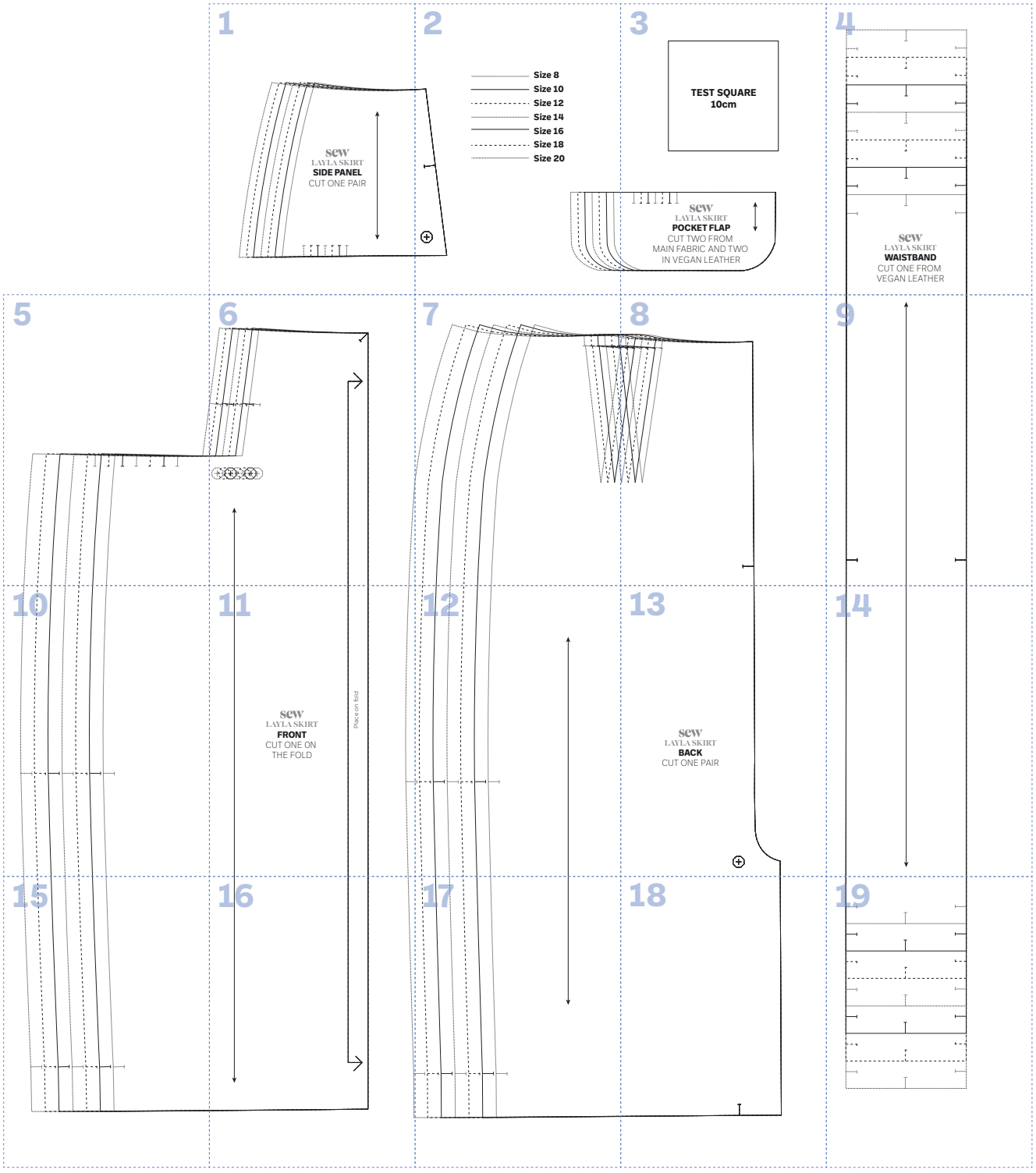

YOUR SIZING CHART

Once you have your body measurements, choose the closest size from the chart below. Remember, there will be variations depending on which fabric and pattern you choose, so always make a toile first.

	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Bust cm	78	83	88	93	98	103	108
Waist cm	59	64	69	74	79	84	89
Hip cm	85	88	93	98	103	108	113
Back neck to waist	39	40	41	42	43	44	45

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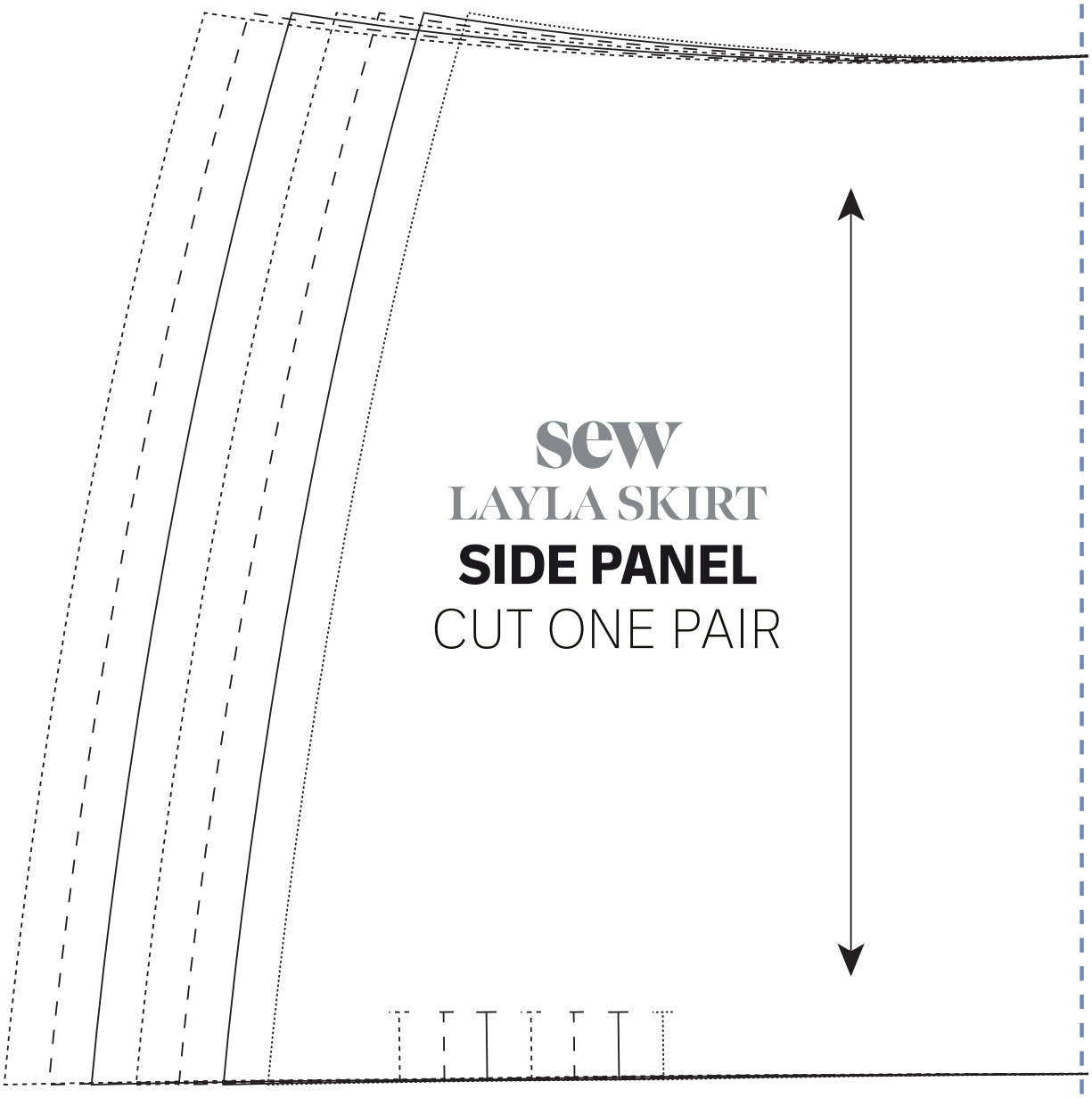

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LAYLA SKIRT

SIDE PANEL

CUT ONE PAIR

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Size 8

Size 10

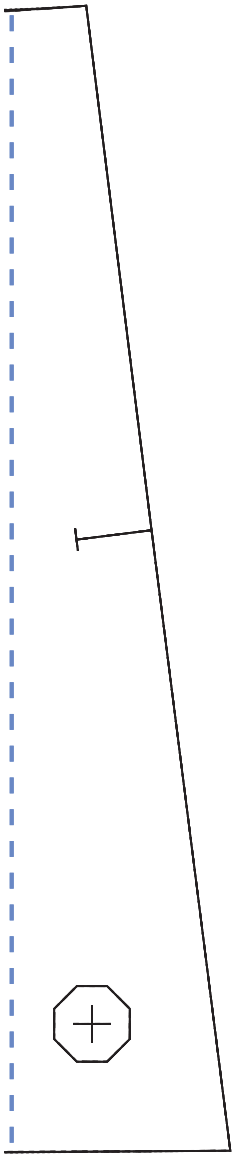
Size 12

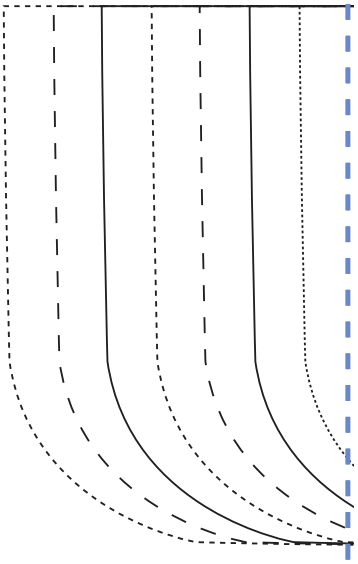
Size 14

Size 16

Size 18

Size 20





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TEST SQUARE
10cm

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LAYLA SKIRT
POCKET FLAP
CUT TWO FROM
MAIN FABRIC AND TWO
IN VEGAN LEATHER

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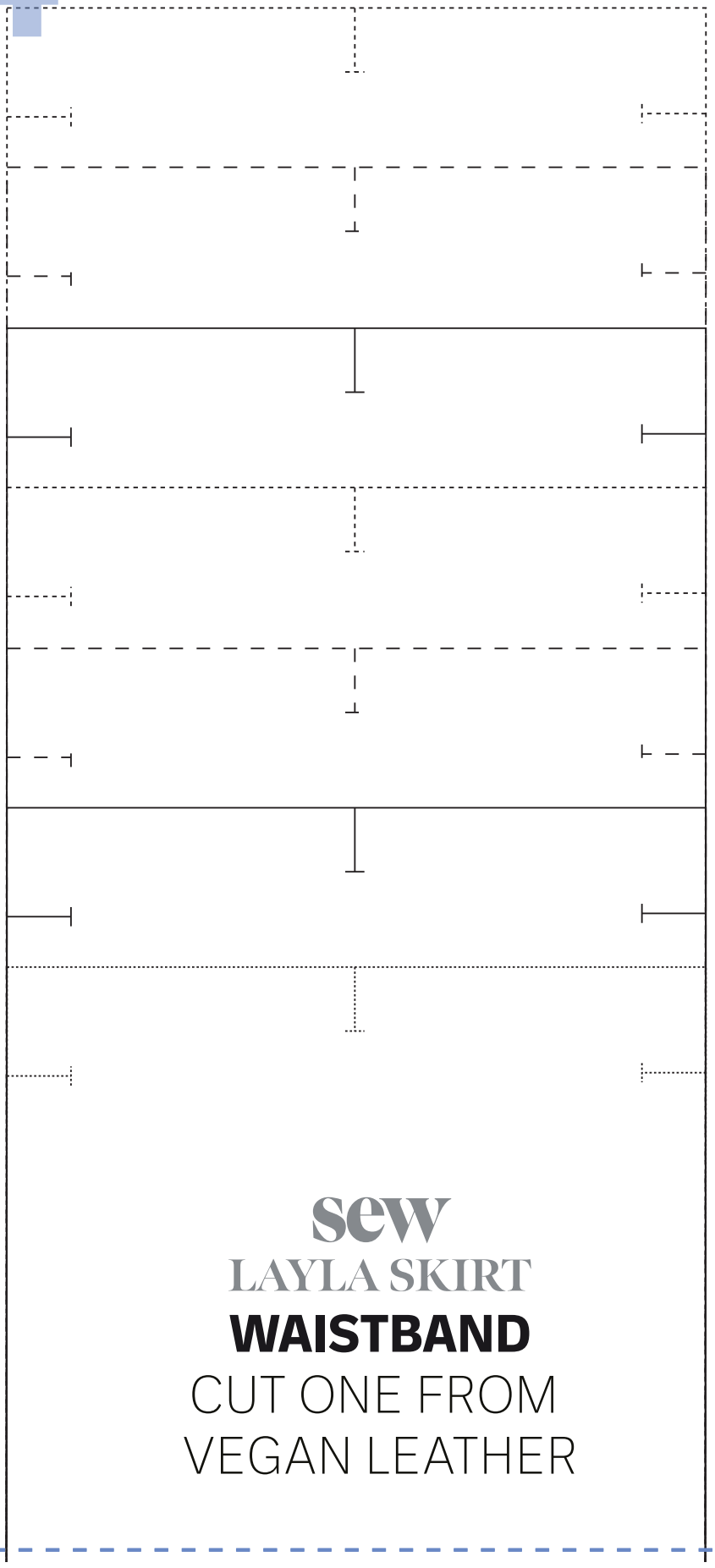

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LAYLA SKIRT

WAISTBAND

CUT ONE FROM
VEGAN LEATHER

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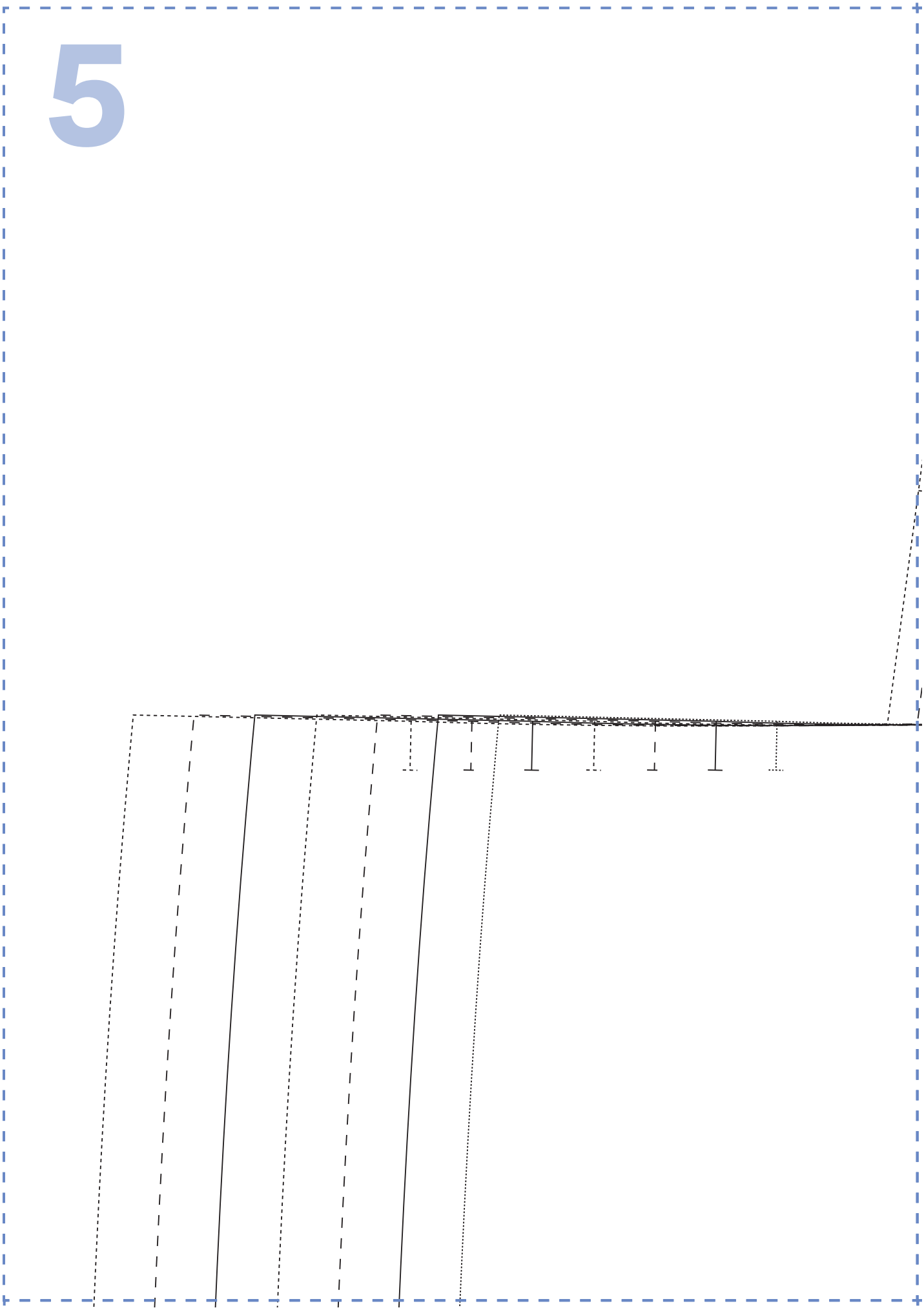

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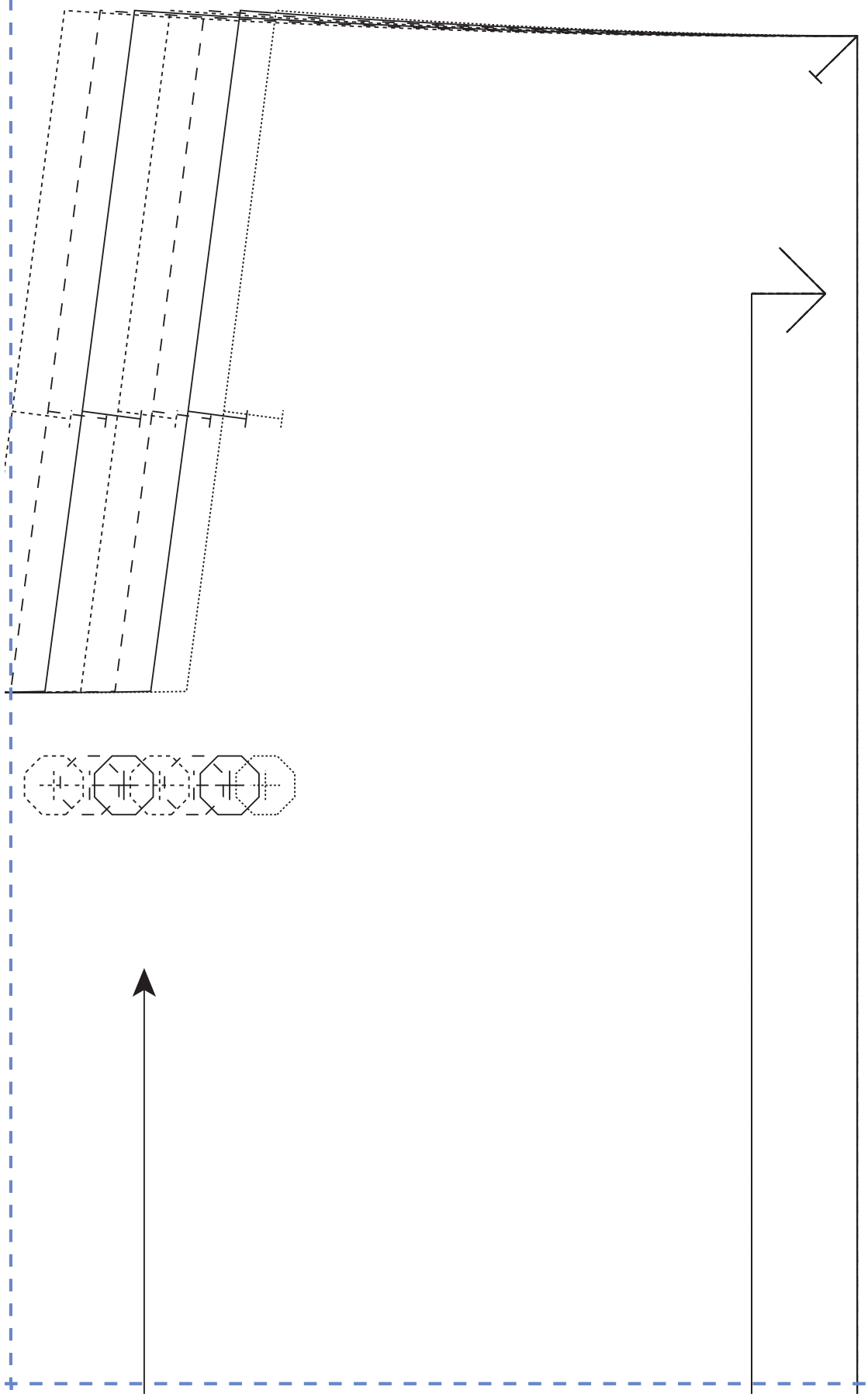

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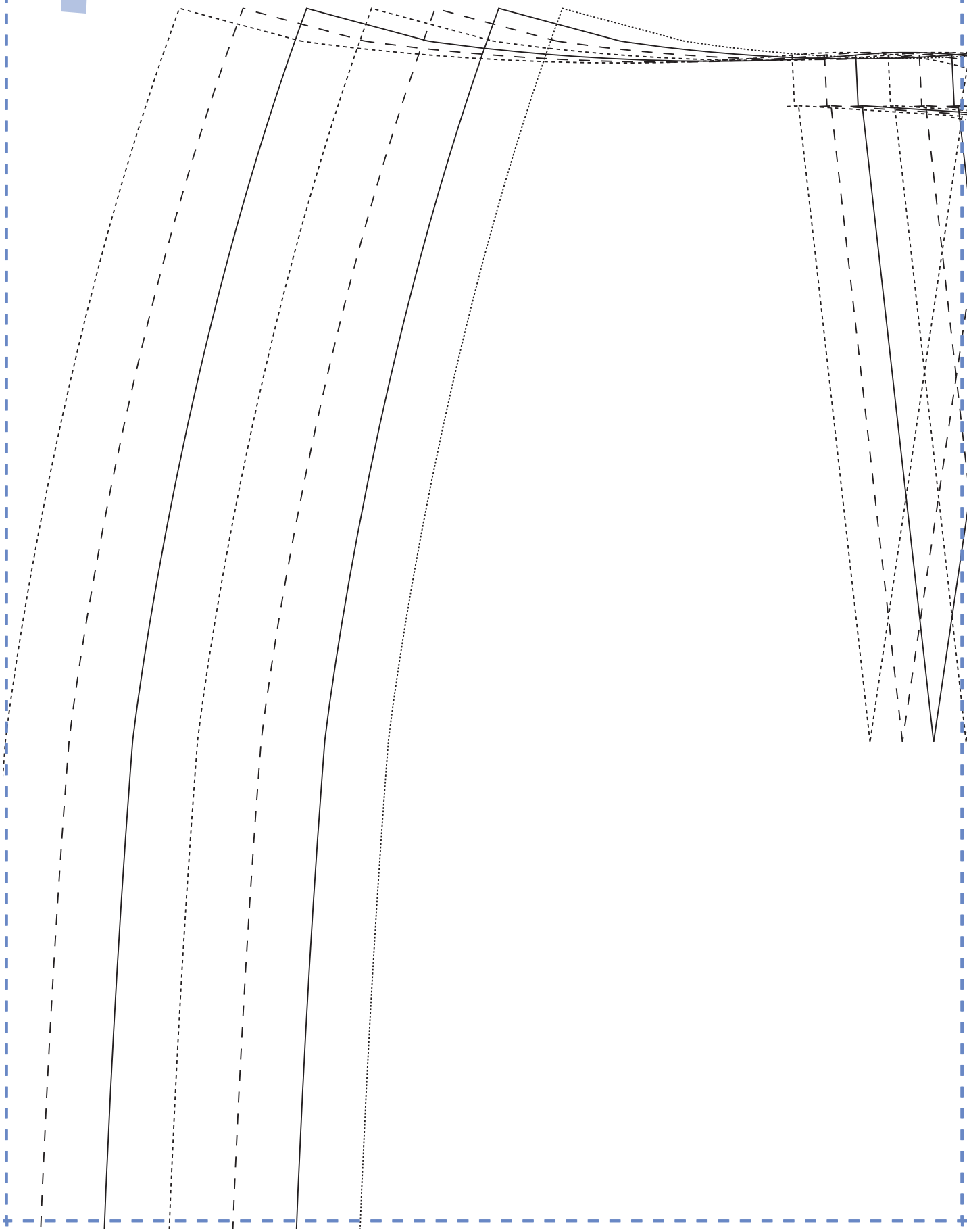

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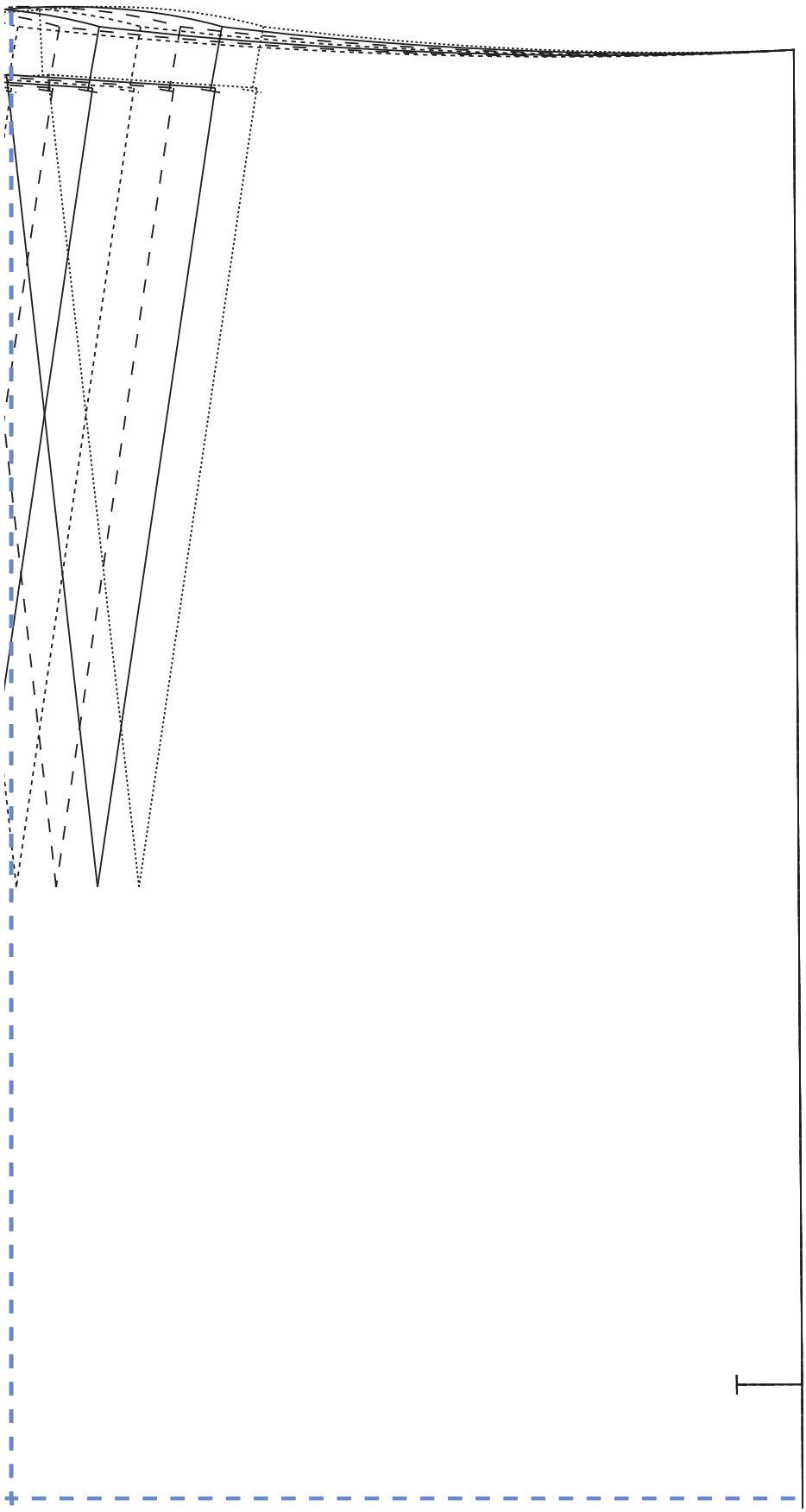

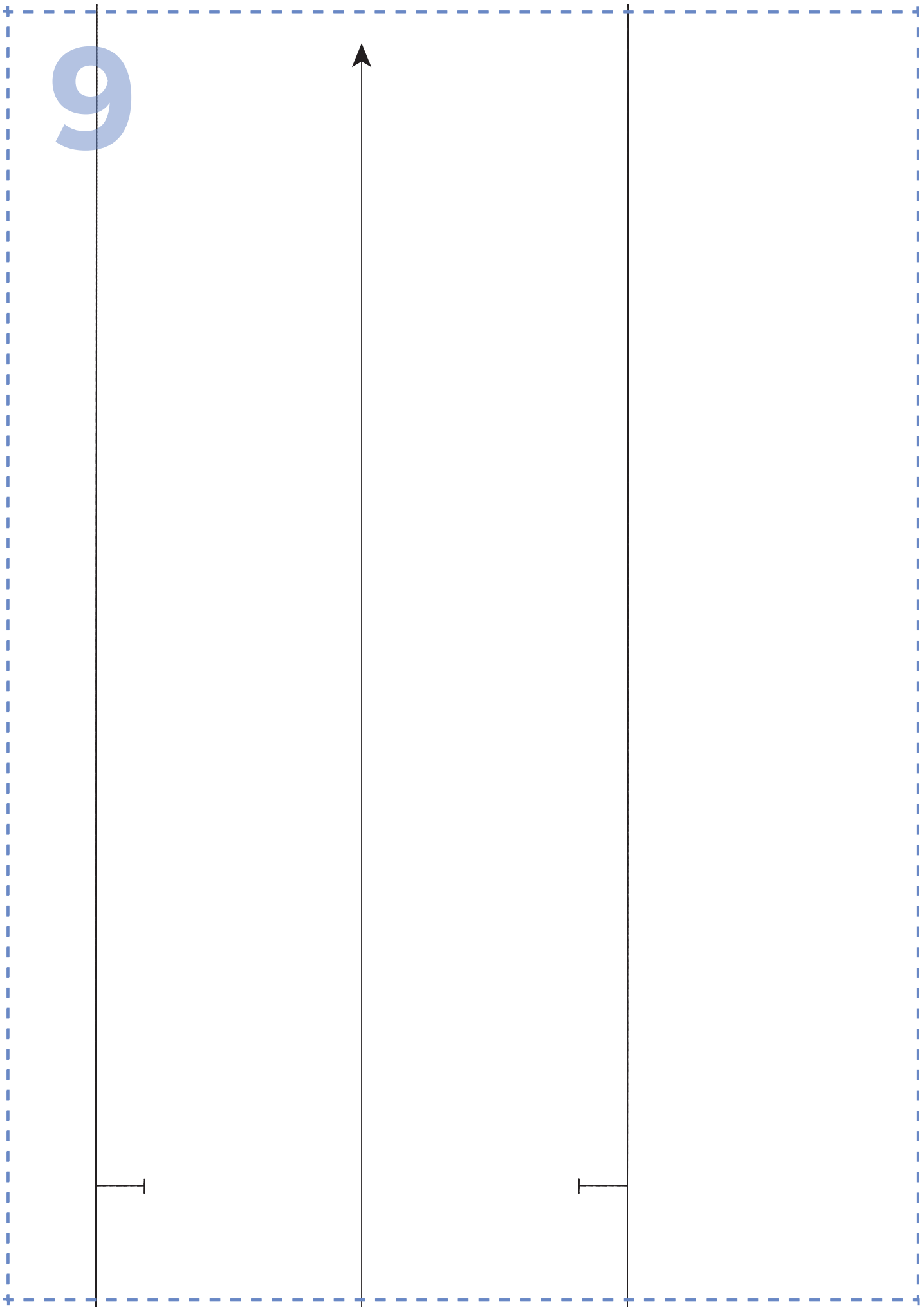
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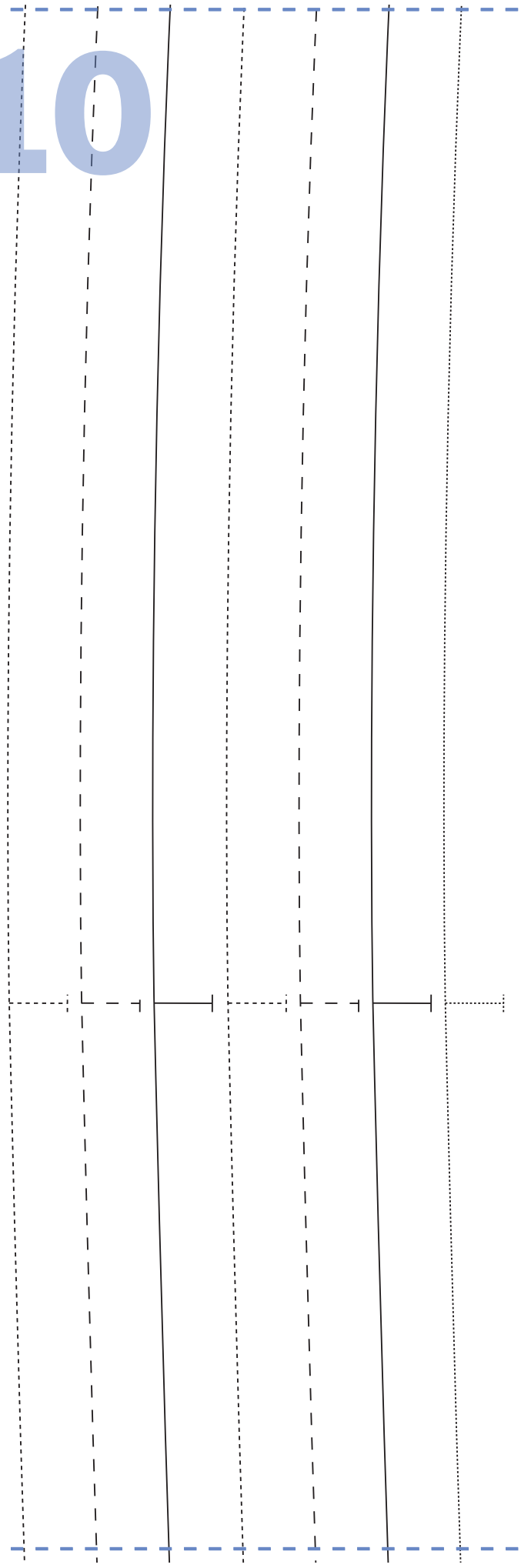

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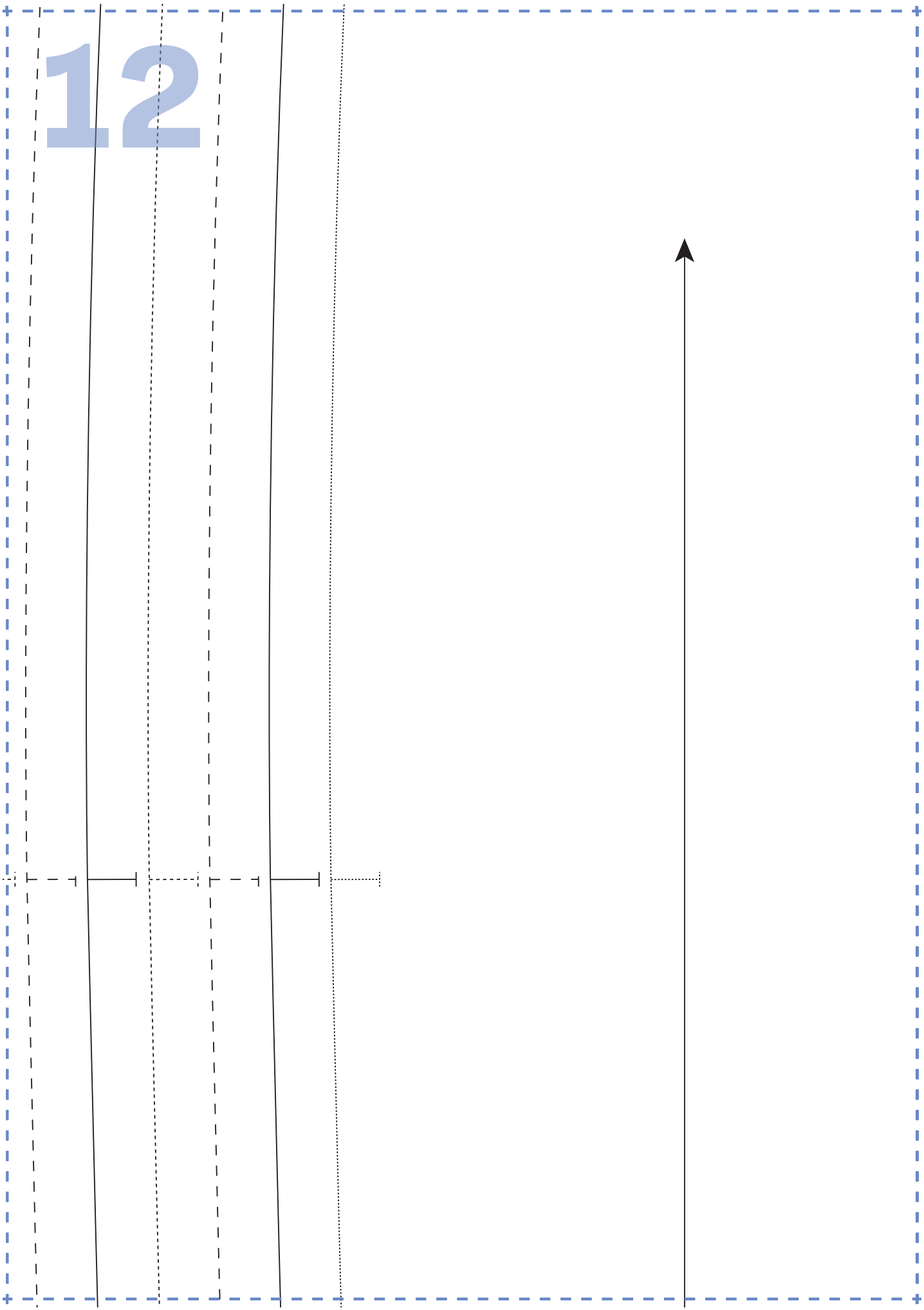
LAYLA SKIRT

FRONT

CUT ONE ON THE FOLD

Place on fold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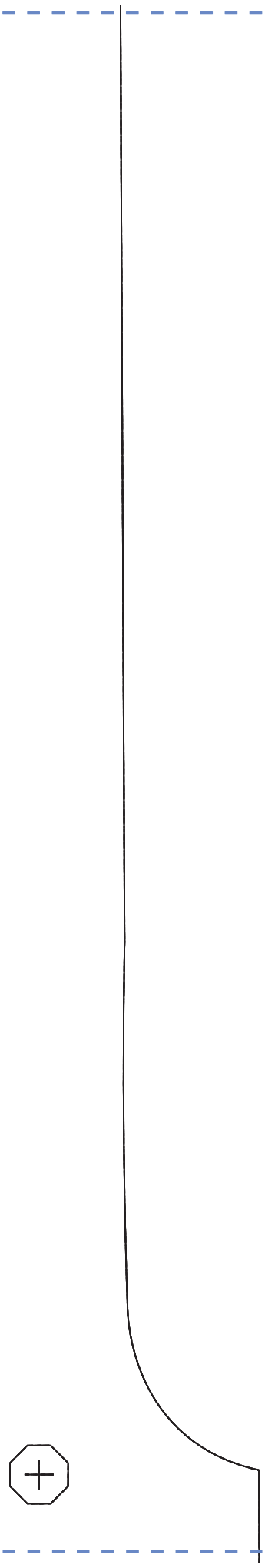
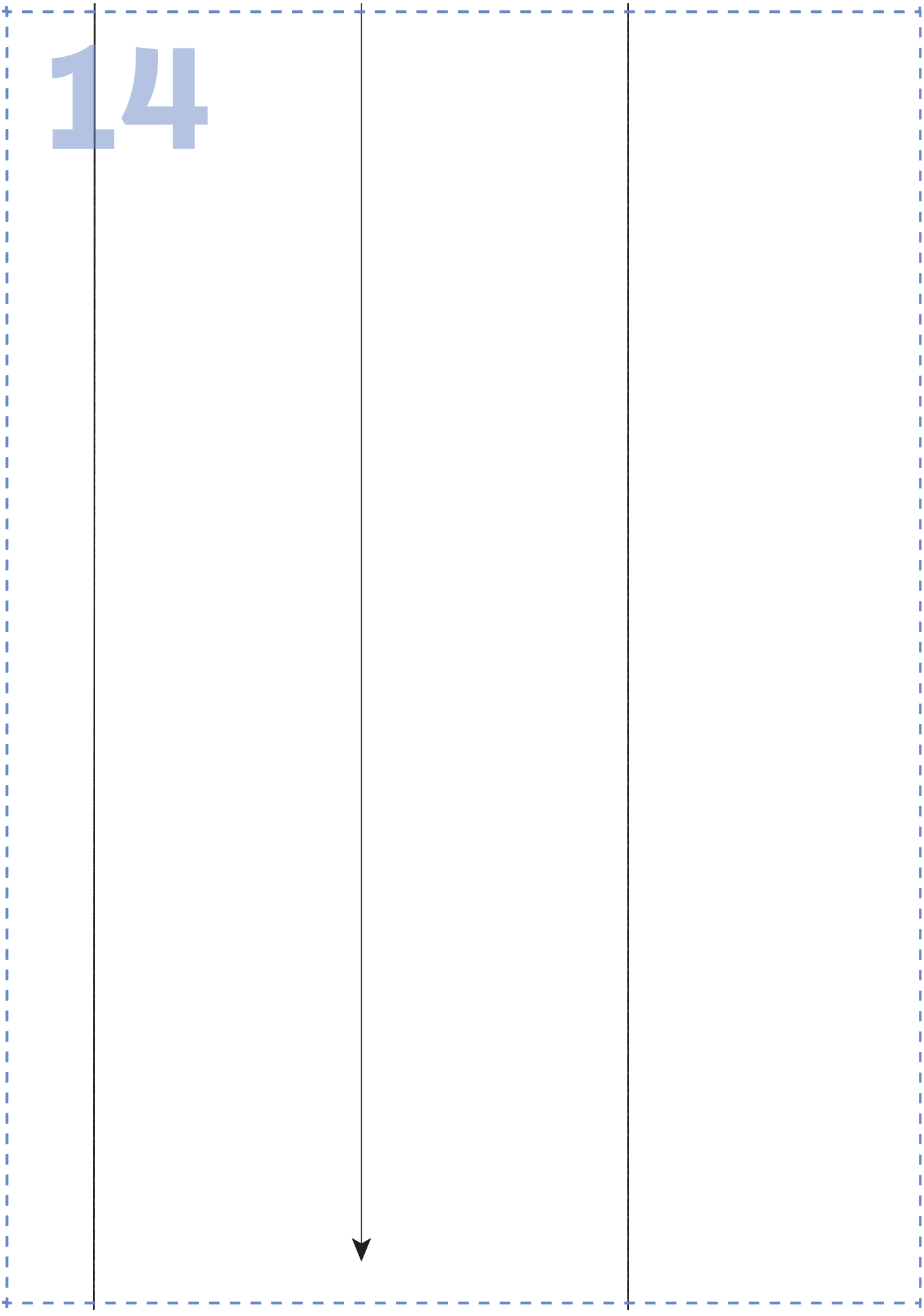
LAYLA SKIRT

BACK

CUT ONE PAIR





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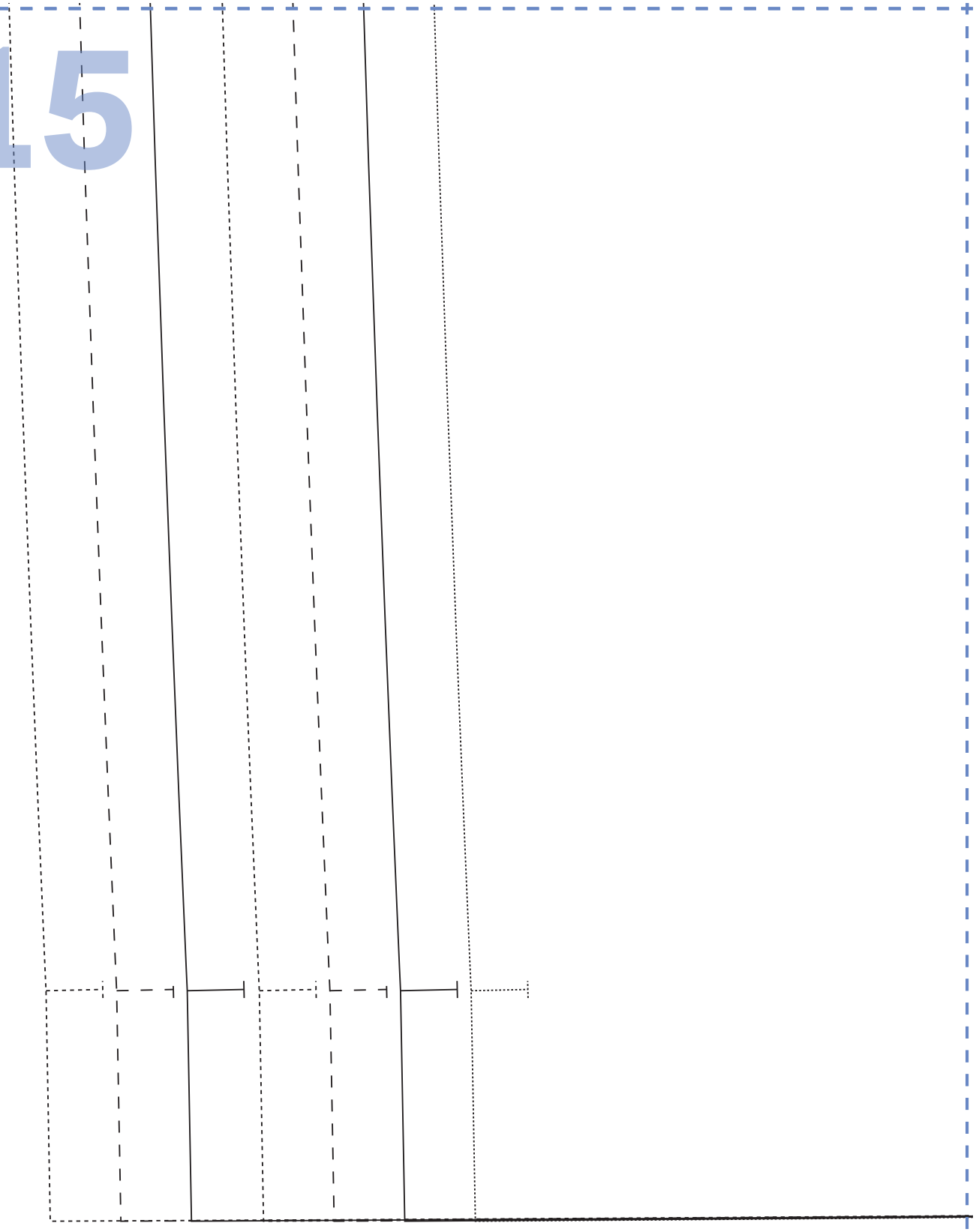

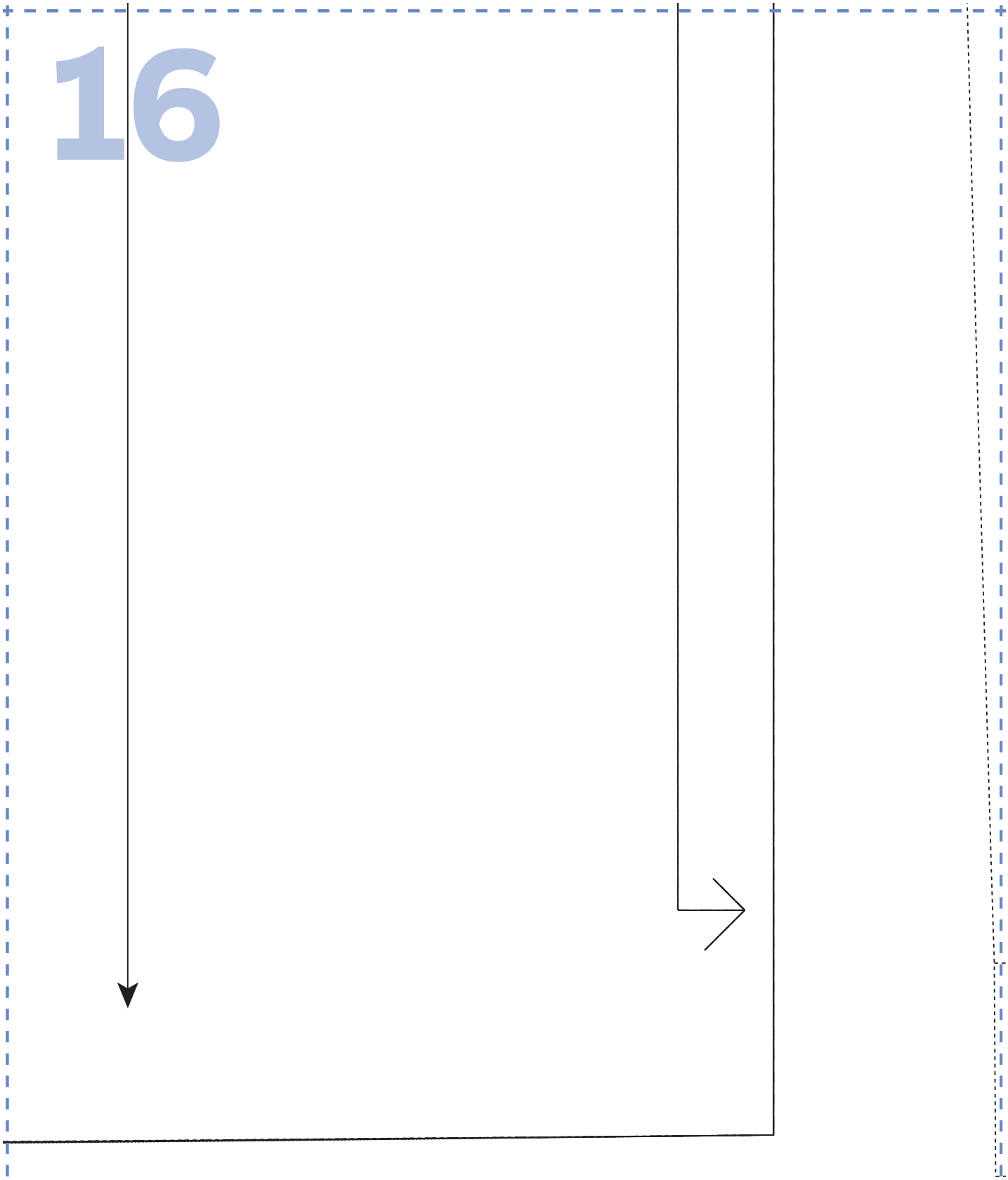
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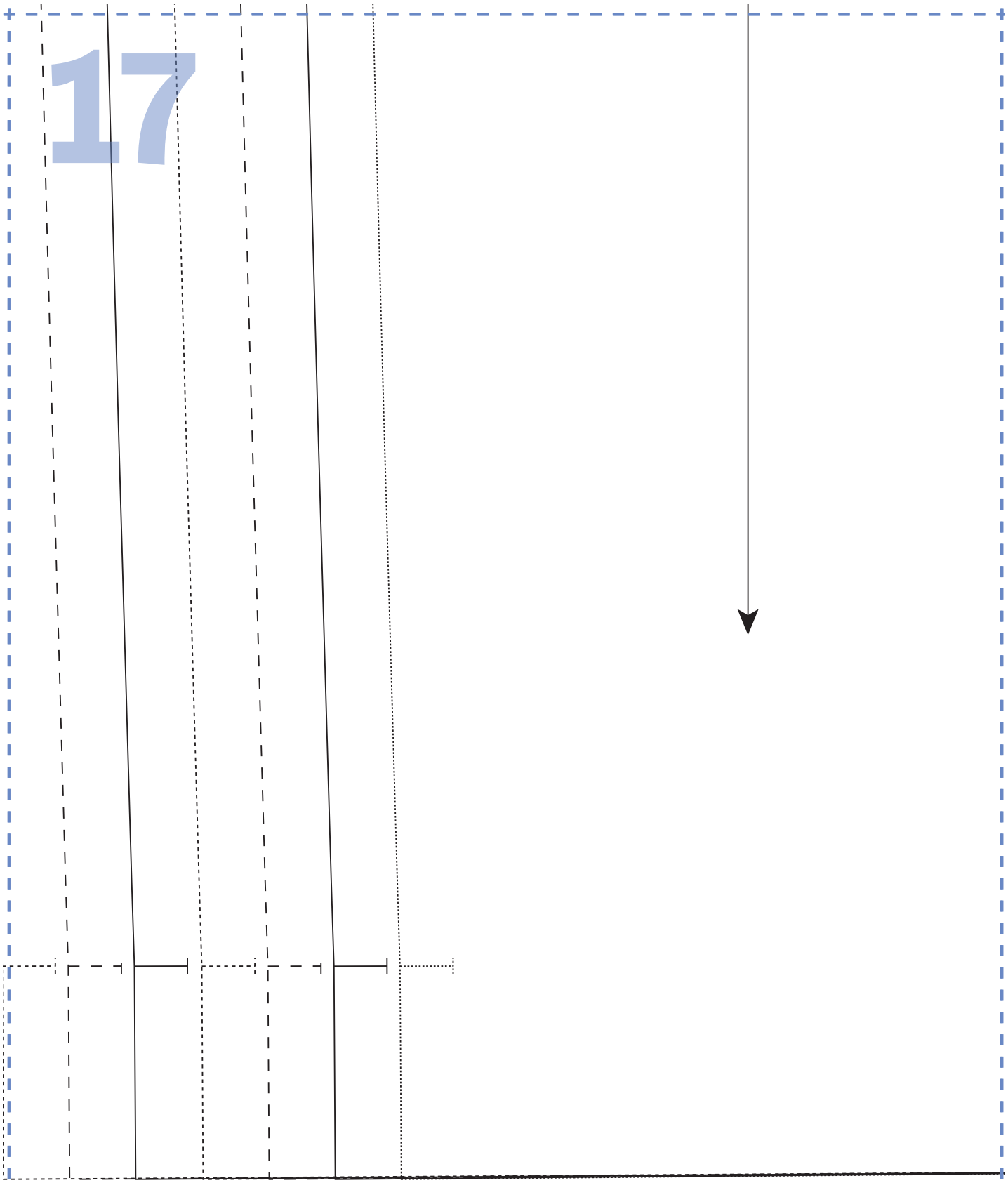
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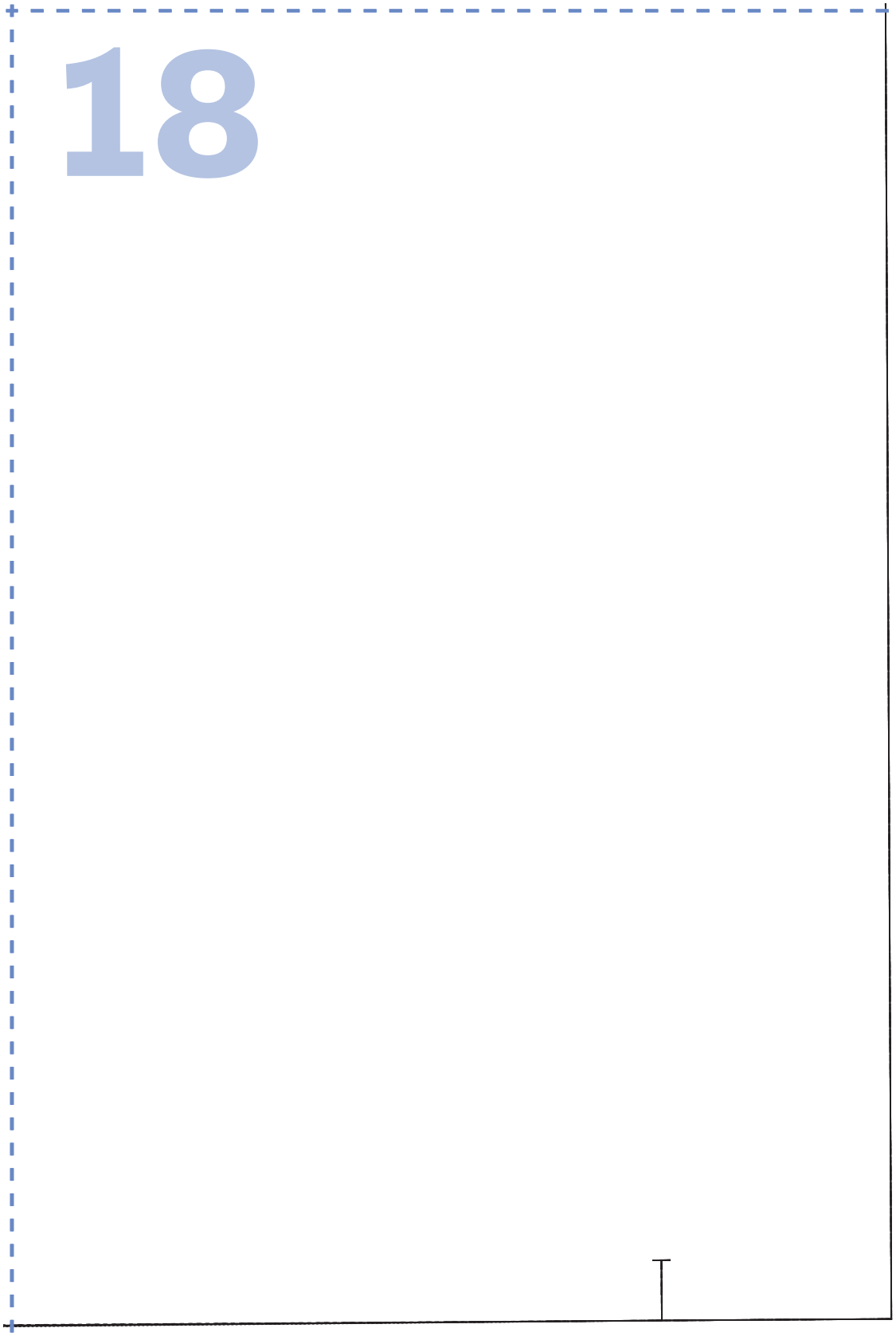
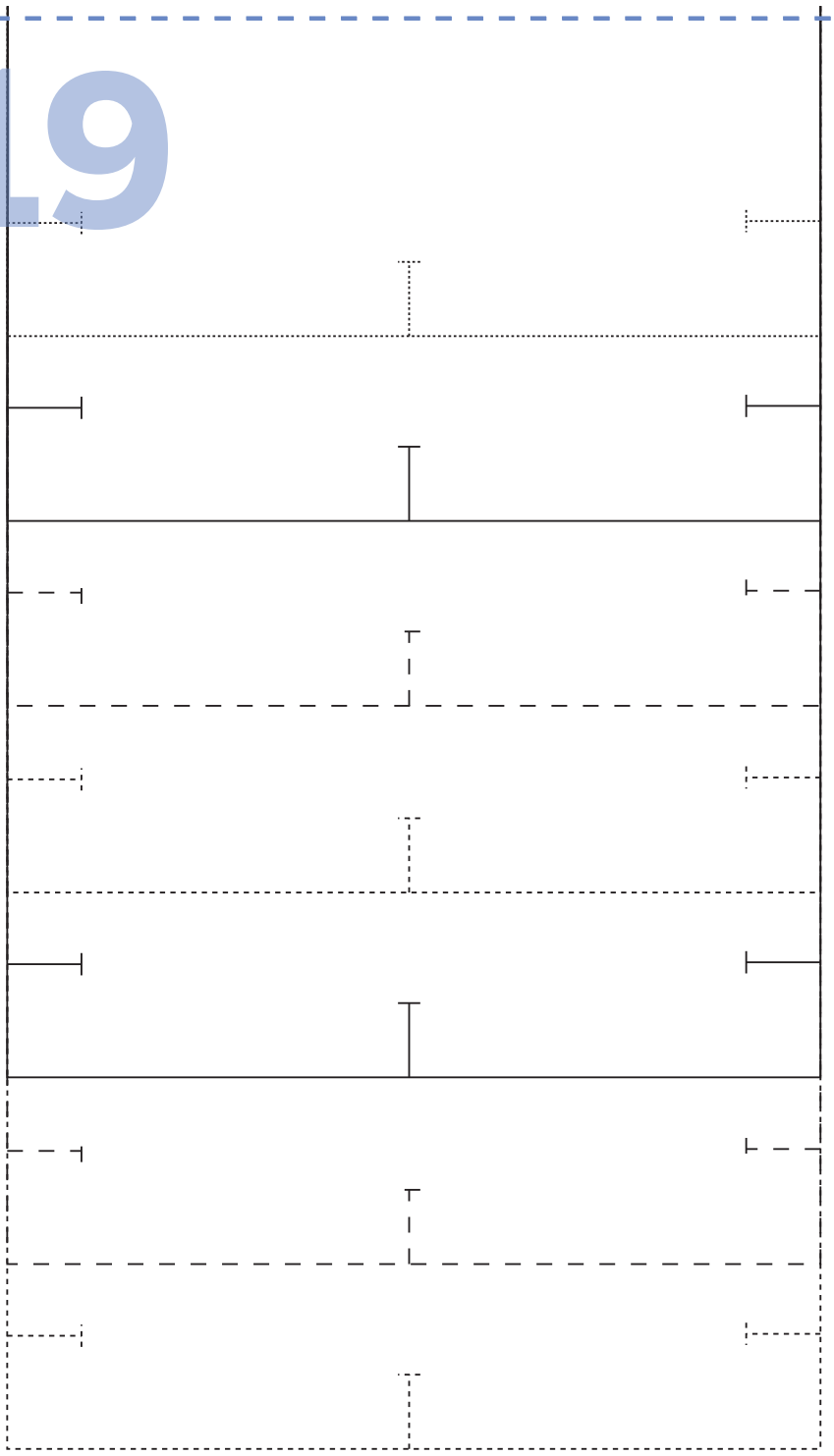
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